

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, stroke, or brain attack, is a leading cause of adult disability and the third leading cause of death in America, killing approximately 160,000 people annually; and

WHEREAS, of the more than four million stroke survivors in the United States, approximately two-thirds live with moderate to severe disabilities; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina has the highest stroke death rate in the United States; and

WHEREAS, stroke is one of the most preventable of all life-threatening health problems, with prevention and early treatment dramatically reducing a patient's chance of disability or death; and

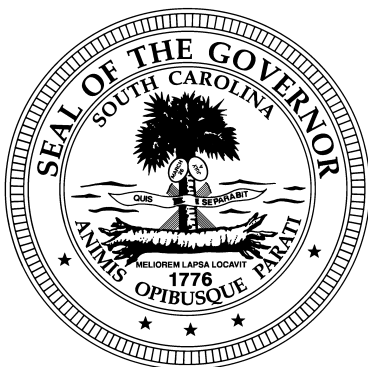
WHEREAS, knowledge of the risks and warning signs of a stroke is essential to prevention and early treatment; and

WHEREAS, Stroke Awareness Month urges people to take charge of their health by asking their doctors about stroke risks and adopting healthy lifestyle habits to lower those risks.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2005 as

STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to ask their doctors about stroke prevention and the warning signs of stroke.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA